

## ATTEMPT TO KILL DOCK OFFICIAL BY FORMER EMPLOYEE

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Others, he was discharged for incompetency. Efficiency experts furnished the evidence upon which the discharge of O'Connor and other employees were based and they were all resentful of what they termed "new fangled notions."

O'Connor started a campaign for reinstatement. He is fifty-six years old, a widower with three children. He wrote letters to the Mayor, the Commissioner of Docks and Mr. Harrison, stating that a wrong had been done him and other employees, but got no satisfaction.

Mr. Harrison reached Pier A in his automobile at 9:40 o'clock this morning. O'Connor was waiting for him, but did not expect him so early and was half way up the stairs to the offices of the Dock Department before the would-be assassin saw him. O'Connor, drawing a revolver from his overcoat pocket, started after Mr. Harrison. James L. O'Dea and Philip Dennis, Dock Department employees, saw O'Connor and rushed toward him. O'Dea was the first to reach him. Although O'Connor is strong, he was quickly overpowered and disarmed.

Following the proceedings at Central Police Court, O'Connor talked at length at Police Headquarters. His conversation was so sane and sensible that it did not appear to be resentful.

"It's all a matter of justice," he explained, "and I took the step I thought necessary. After fourteen years of faithful service in the Dock Department and when I had reached an age where I couldn't hope for other employment I was discharged for incompetence and insubordination."

"A lot more of the old men, supposedly discharged and thrown on the world without a cent to make a living. I fought their battle as well as my own, but I couldn't do anything. I wrote the Mayor and asked him to investigate the whole matter of handling laborers in the Dock Department, but he paid no attention. Mr. Harrison wouldn't listen to me; he only would listen to me."

"Years ago I bought a little house in Brooklyn. There is a mortgage on it. If I can't work I can't pay the mortgage."

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Interest and my home will be taken from me. My boy is only twenty and my two girls can't help me. I didn't tell my children anything about being out of a job. They thought I was working.

"Well, I made up my mind last night if I was to be deprived of home and livelihood I'd call a lot of attention to it. So I went over this morning to ask Mr. Harrison for the last time to listen to me. He had refused I intended to kill him and myself."

"Are you sorry you failed?" O'Connor was asked.

"I don't know," he answered, his eyes filling with tears. "There's a big question involved in this thing—the question of the right of any man to take away the bread and butter and home of any other man without reason or excuse. The City of New York has reached a fine stage when it throws out faithful old employees to starve just because some expert wants to work out his own plans with a city department."

It was learned at the City Hall that within the last few days eighty-three laborers who had been in the employ of the Dock Department for many years were discharged. Besides, fifty-five laborers who had been assigned to the Dock Master's office and who had acted as telephone attendants and sweepers have been put into uniform and are now at work cleaning up the pier.

At the time this change took place the wages of the men were reduced from \$3 to \$2.50 a day.

Inquiry made among employees of the Dock Department shows that there is a storm of protest as a result of the laying off of the men. Many of those who lost their jobs are not inclined to blame Dock Commissioner E. A. C. Brown, but rather to place the responsibility with Deputy Harrison, whom they regard as a special investigator sent to the Dock Department by Mayor Mitchell. He is a lawyer, and it is understood he comes from the West.

It happens that many of the men affected by the reductions are Tammany men and they regard the Dock Department's action as much a matter of politics as economy.

Gallagher, the lunatic, who shot Mayor Taylor on a steamship in Hoboken four years ago, was an employee of the Dock Department temporarily out of work. Like O'Connor, he had sought in vain to have the Mayor interfere in his behalf. Gallagher was a drinking man, but O'Connor says he had not taken a drink in twenty years until this morning when he swallowed a "bracer" in a Battery saloon a few minutes before his attempt on the life of Mr. Harrison.

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